

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
AUGUST 3, 2015

Commissioner Chairman Joshua Francis called the meeting to order. All Commissioners are present.

HIGHWAY

Janice Clemons, Bookkeeper came before the Commissioners to request an additional appropriation of \$25,000 for the Highway, for repairs. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

S MERIDIAN WATER ISSUE

Dave Weller, 9375 s Meridian came before the Commissioners to explain how his neighbor created a berm to keep the water out of his yard and directes it to Mr. Weller's yard. In 2008 the Highway was there to work on the issue but was prevented from doing so by Mr. Weller's neighbor. Commissioner Hamman will take a look at the situation.

PAYROLL CORRECTION

Commissioner West made a motion to approve a correction to the payroll. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COMP TIME ISSUE

The Auditor presented time cards to the Board of Commissioners showing some employees have more comp time accrued than is allowed by the personnel policy. When an employee who has a lot of comp time built up leaves, they are paid for their comp time as well as their vacation time. That means the Department Head cannot hire a replacement for that position until money becomes available. There has been departments that have had to leave a positon vacant for several months because an employee has had that much time built up. Commissioner Hamman suggested having a meeting with those department heads who has a high amount of comp time to discuss getting it under control again.

REPAIR OF DOUGHBOY STATUE

Caleb Staker came before the Board to discuss and update the Commissioners on the project of repairing the Doughboy Statue on the Courthouse grounds. Caleb is a Senior in High School and a Boy Scout. Caleb wanted to combine his Senior Project and a project to earn the rank of Eagle Scout together and decided on getting the Doughboy Statue repaired. He is in the fundraising stage and Commissioner Hamman suggested talking to some of the Miami County Veterans. Caldwell Monuments has agreed to help and will be repairing cracks in the base of the statue when it is shipped for repairs. Guyer the Mover has been contact about providing the shipping. Mr. Caldwell also offered to clean up the Statue of Liberty on the Courthouse grounds as well, free of charge.

PAYROLL

Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

INTRASECT

Jim Denniston informed the Board that he was able to secure a better price on the computers needed to replace the XP computers. The Auditor will pay for the two computers for her office and the Clerk will put \$500 towards what is needed in her office. Commissioner West made a motion to proceed. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West stated that he appreciated the Auditor and the Clerk helping to purchase the computers. The Recorder purchased her own (not through Intrasect) so if

there is a warranty issue with them, the Recorder will probably have to deal with it herself.

Mr. Denniston also requested to be able to get rid of old machines and hard drives. There are 130 and the cost would be \$10 each. Commissioner West made a motion to allow (out of Cum Courthouse). Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen requested a “Hill blocks view” sign be placed at 200N west of Paw Paw Pike. Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The following warning signs were identified as signs that should be changed. The changes would eliminate signs not included in the Indiana MUTCD or provide incomplete information.

Sign ID#	Sign Text	Road Name
246	W42-8, SLOW	on RIVER RD., W east of CR 400 W for westbound traffic- replace with W2-4, “T” intersection left
268	W42-8, SLOW	on 250 S. between 400 W. and 300 W. for westbound traffic- replace with W7-6 Hill Blocks View
349	Blind Drive	on CR 400 W north of CR 250 South for northbound traffic - replace with W7-6 Hill Blocks View
6386	W42-8, SLOW	on 400 S. between 400 W. and 500 W. for westbound traffic- replace with W7-6 Hill Blocks View
6391	W42-8, SLOW	on 400 W. between 250 S. and RIVER RD., W. replace with W7-6 Hill Blocks View
6998	W42-8, SLOW	on 400 S. between US 31 and 200 W. for westbound traffic- replace with W7-6 Hill Blocks View
397	Driveway Entrance	on 500 S. between US 31 and 200 W. for eastbound traffic- replace with W7-6 Hill Blocks View
402	Driveway Entrance	on 500 S. between US 31 and 200 W. for westbound traffic- replace with W7-6 Hill Blocks View

The following warning signs were identified as signs that could be removed from service.

Sign ID#	Sign Text	Road Name
288	CURVE SIGN, LEFT	300 W. north of AIRPORT RD. for northbound traffic- redundant due to winding road sign south of curve sign
543	SCHOOL	400 S. east of US 31 for eastbound traffic- New school constructed away from highway
1475	STOP AHEAD	1300 S. east of 500 W. for westbound traffic- STOP sign visible, advance warning sign not warranted
666	“T” intersection	South Elm St. north of CR 800 North, STOP sign and W1-7, bi-directional arrow, is visible. advance warning sign not warranted
	SLOW	1300 S. east of 500 W. for westbound traffic- unable to identify condition for advance warning sign
	STOP AHEAD	200 W. west of Elm St for eastbound traffic- STOP sign visible, advance warning sign not warranted

Commissioner Hamman made a motion to accept the recommended changes. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

GOLDEN HILLS ADDITION

Ray Sutton informed the Board that water across the road is still a problem. It has been since the completion of work on Business 31. Commissioner Hamman will speak with the Highway Department.

HIDDEN HILLS ADDITION

Commissioner West asked Ken Einselen about Racoon Lane in the Hidden Hills addition. Apparently, when the County accepted the roads in Hidden Hills, Racoon Lane was

included in the addition to the County’s assets. After later conversations, Mr. Einselen said the Board of Commissioners asked him to remove it from the County’s assets because it was more of a drive than a road. Another house was built on the Lane which caused heavy damage to the road and the three residents that live on that lane want the County to repair the damage.

EMA
Kris Marks informed the Board that he has applied for three different grants. One of the grants is for repairs to the tower. However, the bulb at the top needs replaced now but he does not have the money, it will take \$852.74 to replace it. Commissioner West made a motion to pay for the replacing the bulb. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CHAPEL OF PRAISE
The Board received a notice from the Chapel of Praise stating they are planning a prayer walk around the building on August 16th to pray for county leaders as well as county employees.

STRUCTURE POINT
Commissioner West made a motion to advertise an additional appropriation for the balance of the bill for the Comprehensive plan. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PHONE/CENTRAL SUPPLY/DATA ENTRY POSITION
Commissioner West announced that they had 3 very qualified people apply for that position. After a brief discussion, Commissioner West made a motion to hire Judith Dicken. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Adjourned
MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley